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SUBJECT: UNIDIO PC-VI POSITION PAPER FOR AGENDA ITEM 6- COORDINATION

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1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT POSITION PAPER ONPC-VI ITEM 6
PER REFTEL REQUEST. DOCUMENT FOR THIS ITEM JUST RECEIVED.

2. PROBLEM: THE PC WILL HAVE BEFORE IT A NOTE BY
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ID/B/C.3/43) ON THE COORDINATION
OF ACTIVITIES WITH IN THE UN SYSTEM IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY.
ESSENTIALLY IT DESCRIBES RECENT STEPS TAKEN BY UNIDO
TO ENHANCE ITS POSITION IN THE UN SYSTEM AS COORDINATOR
OF THE SYSTEM'S ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE MECHANISM OF THE INTER-AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED IN PARA 75 OF THE LIMA
DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION AND OF FOLLOW-UP BILATERAL
DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER UN AGENCIES. THE DOCUMENT MAKES NO
ACTION PROPOSALS OR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PC CONSIDERATION.

3. U.S. POSITION: A. THE USDEL MAY JOIN IN
TAKING NOTE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT;
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B. THE USDEL MAY WELCOME THE VIEW EXPRESSED BY

THE SECRETARIAT THAT THE MECHANISM OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHOULD ENABLE IT TO FULFILL ITS

COORDINATING ROLE; C. THE USDEL MAY STATE THAT IT LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING PERIODIC REPORTS IN THE IDB ON THE WORK DONE AND AGREEMENTS REACHED BOTH IN THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND BILATERALLY BETWEEN UNIDO AND OTHER AGENCIES; D. THE USDEL MAY ALSO WELCOME AS A SPECIFIC EXAMPLE OF INTERAGENCY COORDINATION, THE STATEMENT IN PARA 10 THAT IN RECENT UNIDO/UNCTAD DISCUSSIONS IT WAS AGREED THAT UNIDO WOULD ULTIMATELY PASS ON TO UNCTAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCT ADAPTATION SINCE IT CONCERNED TRADE; E. THE USDEL MIGHT INQUIRE AS TO THE TERMS OF THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN UNIDO AND ILO ON THE COMPETENCE OF BOTH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELD OF

MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS REFERRED TO BUT NOT ELABORATED UPON IN PARA 11; F. WHILE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO COORDINATION, THE USDEL SHOULD AS APPROPRIATE NOTE THAT THE REFERENCE IN PARA 9 TO UNCTAD SUPPORT "IN THE CONSULTATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS TO BE INITIATED IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY" IS AN INCORRECT RENDITION OF THE ROLE ASSIGNED TO UNIDO IN RESPECT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS BY THE LIMA DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION.

4. DISCUSSION: THE EX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT STRIKES A POSITIVE NOTE AS REGARDS UNIDO'S ABILITY TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE IN THE FIELD OF COORDINATION. IN PREVIOUS YEARS THE USUAL SECRETARIAT POSTURE WAS TO STRESS THE DIFFICULTIES IT WAS ENCOUNTERING IN THIS RESPECT (PARA 2, PAGE 179, ID/B/150) AND TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE LACK OF RESOURCES ALLOTTED TO IT FOR THIS TASK-A POINT ECHOED BY THE LDC'S DURING THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE STRATEGY. IN CONTRAST PARA 12 OF C.3/43 STATES THAT "THROUGH THE CHANNEL OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNIDO WOULD BE ABLE TO FULFILL ITS CENTRAL COORDINATING ROLE IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, UNCLASSIFIED

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ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIMA DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION". IN PARA 13 THE SECRETARIAT PROMISES TO MAKE APPROPRIATE REPORTS TO THE BOARD ON ACTION STEMMING FROM THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. PARA 10 SIGNALS A FIRST WITHDRAWAL OF UNIDO FROM AN AREA OF ACTIVITY UNDER CONTENTION WITH ANOTHER ORGANIZATION BY ANNOUNCING THAT UNIDO WOULD ULTIMATELY PASS ON TO UNCTAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCT ADAPTATION. PARA 11

REPORTS A NEW UNDERSTANDING WITH ILO ON THE COMPETENCE
OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELD OF MANAGEMENT
DEVELOPMENT BUT DOES NOT EXPLAIN THE NATURE OF THE
UNDERSTANDING. IT IS OF INTEREST TO HAVE THE
SECRETARIAT GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS. IN
DISCUSSION (PARA 9) OF UNIDOUNCTAD RELATIONSHIPS,
THE STATEMENT IS MADE THAT UNCTAD WILL GIVE CONSIDERATION
TO LENDING SUPPORT TO UNIDO "IN THE CONSULTATIONS AND
NEGOTIATIONS TO BE INITIATED IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY.
THE LIMA DECLARATION DID NOT CALL UPON UNIDO TO
"INITIATE" NEGOTIATIONS- AND IT WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE NOT
TO LET SUCH PHRASEOLOGY PASS WITHOUT CORRECTION. STIBRAVY

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